

A REPLY

(to)

“The Place and Work of Women in the Church.”

NOTE:—Deeming it expedient that a reply be made to the pamphlet entitled, “The place and work of women in the Church,” the following pages are published, in similar form, with the earnest prayer that justice, liberty and rights may revive and flourish in the social worship of our common Lord.

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A DIALOGUE.

Witness.—Mr. Pastor, I had the pleasure of listening to an interesting dialogue between Mr. Elder and Mr. Novice on the place and work of women in the church. Are you acquainted with the character of either of those men?

Pastor.—I am personally acquainted with Mr. Elder, and highly esteem him for the rectitude of his character, and for his zeal in the cause of Christ. But he adheres strictly, perhaps too strictly, to the principles in which he was educated. Any deviation from the rules and customs of his church, and any ideas in worship or doctrine new to him, he does not fail to denounce. With Mr. Novice, I have but slight acquaintance. What circumstances led to the dialogue?

W. Mr. Novice is a member of his church; but while attending a revival of religion, in which women took an active part, he became convinced that it was his duty to identify himself with the good work. But, having carried his convictions to his minister, Mr. Elder succeeded in allaying them by advising him to be cautious and to observe the signs of a true revival, and what do you suppose they were?

P. From what I know of Mr. Elder, I suppose he would acknowledge a revival to be of God if conducted solely by the clergy, if shouting and all signs of enthusiasm were carefully avoid-